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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 1, line 33, through page 2, line 2 as follows:

The preform is made from one- or two-directional fiber fabrics such as yarns, tows, ribbons, woven cloth, unidirectional sheets, layers of felt,----. The preform is shaped, by steps of winding, weaving, braiding, knitting, or draping plies.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 4-20 as follows:

It applies to three-dimensional fiber fabrics which can be constituted in particular by:

- structures made at least in part by superposing two-dimensional fiber fabrics such as: plies of flat woven, knitted, or braided fabric; unidirectional sheets made up of mutually parallel filamentary elements; multidirectional sheets made up by stacking and bonding together (e.g. by needling) unidirectional sheets disposed in different directions; layers of felt,----; which two-dimensional fabrics can be bonded to one another by needling or stitching, for example;

- multilayer structures formed at least in part by three-dimensional weaving, knitting, or braiding of yarns or tows, the bonding between the layers of the structure being implemented by means of yarns or tows during the weaving, knitting, or braiding; and

- structures constituted at least in part by thick felts.

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Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 3-5 as follows:

In the example of Figure 3, a fiber blank for making a part having a box beam function is made by bonding together two consolidated fiber structures 30 and ~~40~~-36.

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